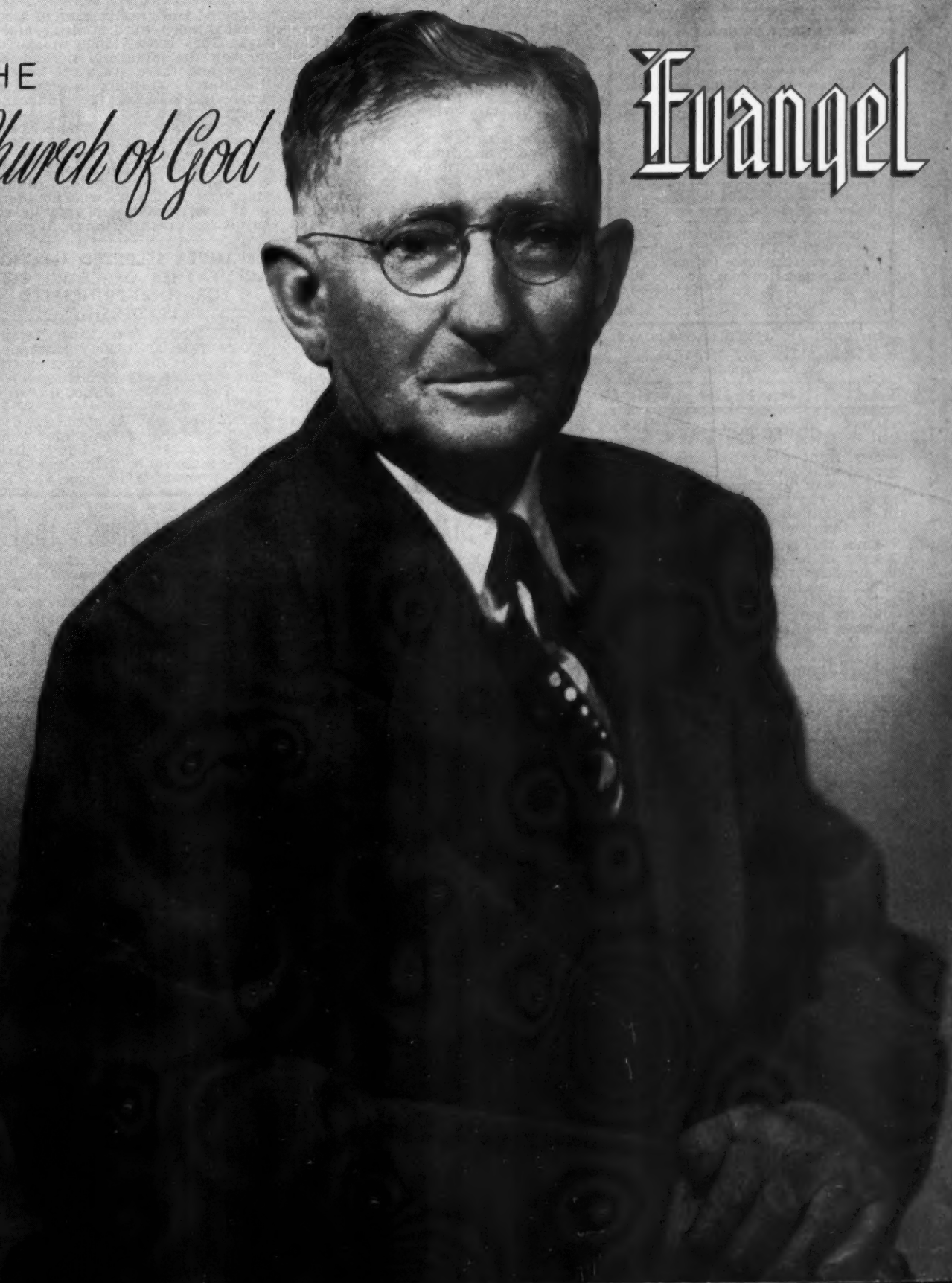


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**COVER PICTURE**

Our front cover for this issue is graced with one of the most venerable ministers of the Church of God very often spoken of as "the grand old man of the Church of God." He is none other than the Rev. E. J. Boehmer.

Since this is our Father's Day issue, I know of no one who could possibly be more deserving of this honor than Brother Boehmer, especially since he is the father of ten children, four boys and six girls, eight of them living. Brother Boehmer was born in Casco, Mo., Aug. 20, 1881. He was saved at the age of fourteen, and left home at the age of nineteen to live with his sister in Pasadena, Calif. He worked as a yard boy and helped Pentecostal workers in the Peniel Mission. He was in California in 1906 when the Holy Ghost was poured out on the people there. On May 8, 1907, he was gloriously sanctified, and on August 9, of the same year, he was baptized with the Holy Ghost. For some time he was engaged in evangelistic work with the Pentecostal movement in California, after which he traveled in evangelistic work in the Western and Northern states. Brother Boehmer, in his association with the Pentecostal movement of different phases of faith and beliefs, had reached the conclusion that none of them constituted the Church of God. He continued to search the Scripture, however, and pray, and eventually he came in contact with Brother R. G. Spurling, who introduced him to the Church of God denomination, of which he was a minister and member. Brother Boehmer was so pleased that he became a member and minister of the Church of God in 1910.

On Feb. 11, 1911, he married Millie Pearl Odum. During this year he began doing pastoral work. In 1914 he was ordained and continued doing pastoral work. In 1921 he was called upon to serve the Church as General Secretary and Treasurer, which position he held, with distinction and hon-

or, until 1946, at which time he asked to be relieved and accepted retirement. Yet, this great man of God has been warming the hearts of thousands of people here and there throughout the Church in his timely messages, upon the invitations of pastors and state overseers to fill pulpits.

It has been a personal delight and privilege to be acquainted with Brother Boehmer and to be associated with him in various ways for a number of years. He has always impressed me as being a man of deep sincerity, great piety, firm conviction, deep consecration, and yet possessing a wholesome sense of wit and humor that has, no doubt, added greatly to his health and happiness, as well as to the pleasure and delight of his thousands of associates.

Brother Boehmer knows what it means to be persecuted for righteousness' sake to the point of almost losing his life. In fact, he says one of his most thrilling experiences was his deliverance from the hands of a mob that sought to take his life, but he was definitely led by the Spirit to leave the home where he was staying before the mob arrived, although, at the time, not knowing they were after him. He says that the early Church

prospered and grew because of a consecrated Spirit-filled ministry, and he says God is working wonderfully through the ministers and members today, and there are great hopes of the Church continuing in growth and prosperity despite the hindrances which confront us.

I am sure the entire Evangel family joins me in wishing for Brother Boehmer a wonderful Father's Day, and not only that, but I am sure that hundreds of you throughout the Church, ministers especially, will not forget to at least send him a greeting card on his seventieth birthday, August 20.

**KEFAUVER SELECTED (NATIONAL) 'FATHER OF YEAR'; CITED FOR HIGH-PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP**

**NEW YORK**—Sen. Estes Kefauver (Dem., Tenn.), former chairman of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee, today was named "Father of the Year" by the National Father's Day Committee.

Kefauver, who stepped down recently as head of the famed Senate crime probers, has four children. Linda, 9; David 5; Diane, 3; and Gail (Continued on page 15)

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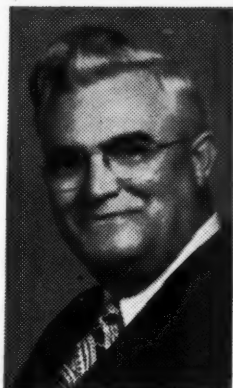
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# EDITORIAL

## A CERTAIN FATHER AND HIS TWO SONS



"A certain man had two sons," Luke 15:11b.

The parable of a certain father and his two sons depicts for us two types of sinners—one whose sins are so apparent that there is no effort made by him to deny or conceal them, whose only hope is to confess them and cast himself upon the Father's mercy, and one who represents the "respectable sinner" who has never committed an outrage against decency or society, yet whose heart is as a stone, who would rejoice more over the recovery of a lost sheep of very little value, or over finding a very small lost coin, than he would over the salvation of a soul from shame, disgrace, poverty, and starvation, even though that soul were that of his own brother.

This parable is often referred to as "the parable of the prodigal son." That title is a misnomer, for it is the story of a certain father and his two sons. The story is not complete till we have read of the attitude and actions of the elder brother who remained at home and in all his life never felt a need of repentance, as well as the father's gentle attitude toward both sons. By this lesson our Lord is describing the sinner's ruin and recovery. In the father's house the sons were well provided for; were under his care and bounty, with every want supplied. But the younger son was granted his request; was given liberty of action. The father did not say, "Knowing what you will do with your inheritance, I refuse to let you have it; you must remain at home." This is a perfect example of how God respects our power of choice—free moral agency.

It would seem that this was no ordinary family, but a wealthy one with money, a large estate, servants, costly garments, and gems. It seems strange to us that the younger son would have made a demand upon his father for a division of the estate during his father's lifetime, but such was not uncommon in the East. Abraham bestowed his chief possessions upon Isaac during his lifetime, and also gave allotments to his other sons. The request was promoted by the son's desire to go away from his father's home; to throw off the parental yoke and be free and independent. The kind father, willing to please his son, computed what he had to divide between his sons, and gave the younger one his share. The older son apparently did not accept his share, which ordinarily would have been a double portion, but allowed his father to retain it with the estate. In the father's consenting to the sinful wish of his son, a very solemn thought is expressed, that of the sinner's abandonment to the desires of his own heart (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28), and the ceasing of the Holy Spirit to strive against the inclinations of a spoiled heart. God gives such a man over to his folly (2 Thess. 2:11, 12).

Upon reaching a far country, the young man plunged recklessly into sin. This was the life for which he had longed, and there was nothing now to impose any restraint upon him. He gave free rein to his carnal desires, and while his money held out he had a high time revelling in sin. But when he had wasted his substance he was cast aside by his companions. According to the elder brother's statement, which was not denied by his father, he spent his substance with "harlots," eating, drinking, and arraying himself in fine clothing. "Revelling" is the word employed by St. Paul to describe such a life, listing it among the seventeen works of the flesh, and adding, "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God," Gal. 5:21. The word "riotous" in the

story means "abandoned," "dissolute," "profligate." In other words, it is fast living without regard to consequences. How easy it is for a son or a man to sink into such an experience.

Wasted hours and opportunities can never be brought back into life and put to use. This son carried his wastefulness to the point of poverty. How true it is of spiritual things—we can waste the resources of mind and heart and be reduced to spiritual poverty. He could have been a great financial success, at the head of an enterprise, in a high social position, an influence in the community, but he was out in the far country, having wasted spiritual and material resources, and was living only on the husks of material things, a long way from his father's house—the inevitable destitution to which sin drags its victims. Probably, as long as his money lasted he remained impenitent. The husks in question were the long bean-shaped pods of the Carob tree (*Caratonia siliqua*), commonly used for fattening swine in Syria and Egypt. The very poorest of the population occasionally used them as food. What a picture of the vile state into which those who dare to tamper with sin finally find themselves. The sin that at first is an enticing delicacy will at last become a merciless master. "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6:16.

Away from the evil influences of his former companions, the prodigal began to think. He returned to his right mind, as though he had been awakened from an awful nightmare. What folly to be starving among swine when he might be faring sumptuously at his father's table! He had been deceived by the "deceitfulness of sin," and at last he realized he had been under sin's awful spell. In adversity more people consider God than in the day of prosperity. All men perish with hunger for the fellowship of God, but when filled with the pleasures of earth—vain substitutes, indeed—they fail to consider Him. "Fulness" opiates, but when one begins to be in want, God is inevitable, and he will at least think of Him.

There was genuine repentance in the prodigal's resolution. It was no mere sentimental regret, nor momentary flash of sorrow, but with it there was determination to turn from his evil ways and take up the homeward journey. Such is repentance. Sorrow that stops short of the "return" is beneath God's standard. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon," Isa. 55:7.

We can imagine that the father had been anxiously waiting for the return of his son. The son's resolution certainly must have been prompted by the father's prayers. The father expressed his kindness and willingness to forgive while the son was yet a great way off. Thus God advances toward the sinner before he repents, and while he is yet a great way off. What a tattered and pitiable sight the father saw approaching home! He welcomed him with compassion and forgiveness overflowing. He immediately gave him the kiss of pardon. The young man carried out his resolution and made a full confession, most likely weeping heartily as he did so. As he sobbed forth his penitence, the father's embrace assured him of forgiveness. How much like our heavenly Father that was. When the sinner returns to the Lord he is given the "righteousness of Christ," "the garments of salvation," Isa. 61:10. Let us bear in mind that this feast represents the "rejoicing in heaven" over the repentance of a sinner, and it is such a feast that every Christian should and can share in it. The angels are deeply interested in the progress of the kingdom of God, and know better than we how limitless is the influence of one soul. Christ is honored and glorified and the kingdom advanced by those who repent. It should always be an occasion for rejoicing among the people of God when backslidden brothers and sisters return to God, our heavenly Father, and the "household of faith." When a person shows an attitude of indifference toward those who have fallen or strayed from God and His Church, he is like the spoiled elder brother.

God bless every father on this Father's Day, and keep our hearts tender toward our children regardless of what their tendencies and dispositions may be. God help us to say and strive to make it true: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."



# A Good Man

By C. R. SPAIN, STATE OVERSEER OF INDIANA

Acts 11:24, "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord."

This is, indeed, a striking text, and it is certainly a revelation of the man Barnabas. He was a good man, and this could not be misused, because the Bible declares it to be so. As I read this, I decided to consult Webster to find out all the word "good" means.

This is his definition: Good, genuine; pleasant; well-behaved; cheerful; precious; kind; benevolent; obliging; genial; good is opposed to bad, or to evil. What a word and what a meaning! Doesn't it mean something to be good? Yet, we so often misuse and abuse this word until it is stripped of its good meaning.

God's vocabulary was not lacking, and He was not using the word "good" just because there was nothing else to say about him. The word "good" doesn't interest us much any more. We had rather hear someone say we were witty, intellectual, beautiful or handsome; but when we think of all the word "good" implies, surely it is a goal for our aspirations.

After God was through examining Barnabas, this was his grade. I remember when the schoolteacher would grade our papers. When he would return them, we were anxious to see the grade and what remarks he had to make. Many are those who have matriculated at God's school, and He has graded their papers. Upon Isaiah's paper He wrote "eloquent"; upon Ezekiel's, "profound"; upon David's, "beautiful"; upon Daniel's, "prophetic"; but upon examining Barnabas', the grade was "good." We are not all so capacitated that we can be eloquent, profound, or prophetic; but we can all be good.

Let us observe some of the things which made him good. First, Christian stewardship, Acts 4:36, 37. Here Barnabas saw a tremendous need and did something about it. The Jews at Jerusalem were poor because of their stand for Christ. Many of them were persecuted, and their own families severed all relationship with them. Barnabas had the Christlike attitude and contributed to their need.

There are four philosophies of life depicted by Christ in Luke 10:25-35. First, that of the robbers, "I'll get what I want, regardless." Second, priest and Levite. "That that is mine, I will keep it." Third, the innkeeper. "I will let you have what I have if you can pay for it." Fourth, the good Sa-

maritan. "What I have, I give." Men everywhere live by one of these. Barnabas was a good man, so he lived by the latter. May God help us to have the Christlike attitude in the material things of life.

He was full of the Holy Ghost. This is essential to being a good man. There are many powers demanding entrance into our lives today, but, thanks be to God, we can be full of the Holy Ghost. Some are full of pride, themselves (selfishness), boastfulness, and many other things. It is God's standard for man to be full of the Holy Ghost. On the day of Pentecost the one hundred and twenty were filled (Acts 2:4), and there is enough of God's power to fill and keep us filled today. Man so often gets help from what he depends on, so, therefore, let us depend on the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This will make us GOOD men.

Barnabas was full of faith. Faith in God was the foundation and background of his goodness. In fact, without faith it is impossible to please God. I fear we are lacking in our faith in God today. Faith that is active; faith that believes God for all we need; faith that gives us undaunted courage even when we do put God to the test; faith that divides our Red Sea, brings manna from heaven, causes water to flow from the flinty stone, and makes a road through the river—God wants us to have that kind of faith today.

Barnabas' faith was twofold, for it was not only in God but also in his fellow man. Acts 9:26, 27. Barnabas had faith in a new man. Had it not been for Barnabas, the life of Saul could have been a different story. Saul had tried and tried to join the disciples, but they would not take him into their fellowship. More than likely Saul was discouraged, but Barnabas took him in before the apostles. When others had no faith in Saul, the new preacher, Barnabas had faith, faith that went into action, for not only did he get Saul admission before the apostles, but he testified for him. He told how Saul had seen the Lord and had preached boldly at Damascus.

He had faith in the new man and faith in the young man who had failed. Acts 15:38, 39. Paul had somewhat lost faith in the young man Mark, but not Barnabas. He contended there was something good in the young man. Some seem to think that Paul, in his Christian life, never made a mistake, but who was right about



Rev. Spain married Miss Johnnie Johnson, of High Point, N. C., and he is the happy father of three children, Freddie, seven; John David, three; and Deborah Ray (the lady of the house, as the family calls her) is a native Indian of only three months. Brother Spain came to us from another denomination of "like precious faith" in 1945, and has been a successful evangelistic pastor (a combination not found often). He is now state overseer of Indiana.

John Mark? Mark is the one who wrote the second Gospel of the blessed Son of God.

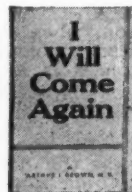
A good man has faith in his fellow man. A good member has faith in his pastor and his fellow members. A good preacher has faith in his fellow ministers. May God help us all to be good!

The good man was the son of consolation, consoling and blessing wherever he went. He was the missionary to the Gentiles, and what a wonderful minister he must have been! When the job became too big for him at Antioch (Acts 11:25, 26), he sought Saul to help with the work. As a result of this, the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. The disciples became like their minister—Christlike.

A fine definition for the word "Christian" is: CHRIST and I A(m) N(othing). If we are good, we are like Christ. This causes others to aspire to be like Him.

I repeat, may God help us all to be good. If you can't be great, be good. If you can't be a success, be good. Jesus is soon coming. We must be good to meet Him.

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# A Missionary Family's Diary

O'Neil McCullough, Missionary to Utila, Honduras

It was April 25, and we still owed \$188.95 on the school debt. Our term in Utila was soon to expire, so we set about raising the amount to liquidate the debt. We planned a big food sale in which we hoped to profit about one-third of this amount. We announced it from the church and made signs for the shops to display.

People tried to discourage us in preparing such a quantity of food, but we would not be discouraged. We had faith that we would sell everything we could prepare. On Tuesday afternoon before the sale on Wednesday, the ladies of the church gathered and began to dress the chickens, peel the potatoes, etc. About five o'clock the ladies in their aprons paraded up and down the streets of the island carrying banners which read, "You have the school—Support it—Buy good food at the corner store," "Feed the family," "Everything good to eat," and many more similar to these. The parade was led by two of the ladies carrying a frying pan and a pie pan. Of course, all the people came out of their houses to see what all the noise and excitement was about. As we marched along, many children joined in the noise making, with any old can or piece of tin that happened to be near them. We did not mind this, for we wanted everyone to read the signs we were carrying. We knew by the time we returned to the house, if we did not sell all the food it would not be because the people did not know about it.

We were up early in order to get everything in readiness by 10:00 o'clock. The town was buzzing with talk. Some were worried, thinking that we would get some money that should be theirs; others were smiling and willing to go all out to make the sale a success. As soon as the food was carried down from the mission house to the corner store (a large store building loaned to the L.W.W.B. for any project that they wanted to use it for), the people began to crowd in to buy their dinner. Pan after pan of food disappeared, and those whose faith had been little found themselves bubbling over with a double portion of courage and faith. As the people kept coming to buy food we could only whisper a "Thank You, Lord" as we continued to empty the food containers.

All day and into the evening the building was filled with those who bought food, cold drinks, ice cream, or who just helped to boost our spirits. Many people had said we would not be able to sell our food as the previous



week end a big excursion group had come from the coast to dance, play ball, and have a big time. The money came any way, for when we counted our money we were way over our goal. Our opposers were much surprised, and we were very thankful and happy.

Today (April 27) is the third time we have held registration for the Church of God school in Utila. We have completed two full terms and one-half of another. The first period of school lasted only five months as we had to stop to make plans for our new building. That was in December of 1948. On June 13, 1949, we opened the doors of a new school with desks, books, and supplies for around 70 boys and girls. This was done with an expense to the Mission Board of only \$600 in cash. Now we value our school property at \$4,000, so we have come a long way by the help of the Lord since 1949. It meant many trips up and down the coast in the small boats, but the joy of the Lord has made all of our trials steppingstones in accomplishing our job here. Many have been the battles, heartaches, and burdens we have borne during these three years of labor in Utila. Today, as we see the children come to register (some we have taught since the school opened), we can easily see the progress they have made in education, and we are not sorry we stood against the forces of Satan and gained the victory for the Lord and His cause.

As we closed the windows in the school this evening, we remarked how the Lord had given us a good day. Some had said that we would not have many to register if we did not lower our standards. This we refused to do. We had 50 enrolled for the next term of school, and that is just the number we wanted. Even though we will not be here, we believe the next year will be the best school year yet. We are looking forward to hearing good reports about the school from year to year.

We had just settled down to a little time of rest when a man came to our house to tell us that the Church of God was not capable of conducting a school (he does not like Pentecost);



Rev. and Mrs. O'Neil McCullough and Son

that the Church of God had brought division in the other two churches—Methodist and Adventist. He insulted us in every possible way about our school and church, but the Church of God marches on as a spiritual light-house and an educational ladder in the community.

April 30 was a busy day. Yes, getting ready for the real "Jubilee Time" in celebration of our sixth anniversary of the church, called for a lot of time and preparation. We had the last note on our school building in our hands, ready to be burned, which would liquidate all indebtedness of the school. Tonight was a time of rejoicing for us.

At seven o'clock we gathered in the church. As the choir assembled in its place, the lights went out. We were not to be defeated in this part of our program, so we asked several people in the audience who had flashlights to let us use them. In the light of these we began to sing, and from the very beginning it seemed that the

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## THE PROGRESS OF WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS

By Rev. Robert Hall Glover

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# Church Membership Is ...

## a Duty, a Privilege, an Opportunity,

## an Investment,

## a Training

By E. D. JOHNSON, PASTOR,  
WALTERBORO, S. C.



Brother E. D. Johnson was converted at the age of twenty-one in a T. B. Sanitorium and was divinely healed in answer to Sister Florence Kinsey's prayer, who is now deceased. He joined the Church of God in Greensboro, N. C., September, 1943. Rev. C. E. Richard was pastor. Soon he felt the call to the ministry and was recommended and licensed Jan. 22, 1945, by the Greensboro Church. His first pastorate was in Durham, N. C. Since then he has pastored at Greenville, N. C., and Walterboro, S. C. He worked two years in evangelistic work between the Greenville charge and the Walterboro Church. His wife is the former Josephine A. Horner, of Greensboro, N. C., who has been a member of the Church of God since 1944. He is the father of three children, Janice Gayle, eleven (filled with the Holy Ghost and has been a member of the church since she was six years old) Lynda Jo, nine years, and Donna Gay, seven months old.

Since Brother Johnson went to Walterboro to pastor, the church has had a great increase in tithes and offerings, and has received twenty new members since October, 1950. The church is too small to accommodate the crowds. Each Sunday evening many are being healed, both soul and body. Their radio broadcast and parish paper (which the following article is from) are highly instrumental in propagating the gospel and are appealing to many who have never attended church before.

There are just three institutions which we cannot get along without—the church, the family, and the state. They exist everywhere, and they have existed from the beginning. Without them, human life cannot realize its ends. We are, by our creation, members of a family, citizens of a state, and should be communicants of a church. A man can, through wilfulness, cut the bonds which bind him to his family; he may refuse to perform his duties as a citizen; he may ignore and despise the church; but in doing any one of these things he sins against his own nature and handicaps the development of his personality.

This is the first and deepest reason why every Christian should accept his place in the church. By doing this he falls in with the divine order. No man is in his place so long as he is out of the church. Outside the church a complete healthy life is impossible. To say that a man can be as good outside as inside the church is absurd. One might as well say that a man who continuously neglects his civic duties is as good a citizen as the man who performs them. Man is a home making being, and he mars his life if he is not loyal to the home. He is a political being, and he curtails his life if he is not faithful to the state. He is a religious being, and if he holds aloof from the church he starves and stunts the highest instincts of his nature.

Every man, then, needs the church. He needs it to become a full saturated

man. The church also needs him if he is a Christian. The church is ordained by God to feed and give spiritual guidance to mankind. For the successful performance of its work, it needs the assistance of every man who comes into the world. Each man has some distinctive talent, forte, aptitude, gift, capacity, power, knowledge, skill, or genius which the church can make use of, if consecrated to God, in the fulfillment of its mission. Every Christian who remains outside the church deprives it of a form of strength of which it stands in need. The church is sensibly weakened by the refusal of capable and earnest men and women to contribute to its resources. The Creator is building up, through the ages, the moral and spiritual life of his children, and his chosen instrument for this work is the church. He who holds aloof from the church subtracts from its efficiency and retards the progress of the purposes of God.

What is the church? It is the friends and disciples of Jesus organized for the purpose of life, worship, and work. This company of friends of Jesus may be looked at from various viewpoints, and every viewpoint flashes a fresh light upon the privilege and duty of church membership.

The church is an army. Every Christian is a soldier. Jesus Christ is the Supreme Commander. His army is engaged in a mighty war. The campaign is long and perilous, and every soldier is needed. In time of war, a man who claims to be a soldier but who rejects the uniform, dislikes the flag, and refuses to keep step with his comrades as unitedly they march to the field of blood, is a man with a bewildered brain and a defective heart. Christians outside the church are not good soldiers. They are slackers. They retard Christ's victory over falsehood and wrong.

The church is a brotherhood, a band of comrades gathered around the big Brother of all men—Jesus Christ. Brotherliness is of the essence of the Christian life, and true brotherliness finds expression in fellowship. A brother instinctively desires and obtains the companionship of his brethren.

The church is a corporation organized for the purpose of doing business. It does business on all the continents and on all the islands. It deals with all races and all nations. Its business is the biggest on the planet. Without a colossal corporation this business cannot be transacted. The modern business world demands corporations. Without them the world's commerce would break down. The business of God is too vast to be carried on by individuals, each one working by himself. In order to become effective, Christian intelligence and conscience must be pooled. It is only by group strength that present-day problems can be solved.

The church is a family—a society of brothers and sisters whose highest privilege is mutual helpfulness. One Bible name for it is "the household of faith." The head of this family is Christ Jesus. The family has its traditions, customs, memories, anniversaries, plans, joys, and hopes. Christians who are not members of this family spiritually and literally, are not acting the part of considerate brothers and sisters. They are wanderers. They should come home. They should do their share of the household work and take their place at the family table.

The only real way to "prepare to meet thy God" is to live with thy God, so that to meet Him shall be nothing strange.—Phillips Brooks.



# A Young Father's Pleasure and Responsibility

By John L. Meares

It has often been said that every worth-while accomplishment is accompanied with effort and responsibility. It may well be added that responsibility, successfully carried, rewards one with a real sense of satisfaction, thus the responsibility of fatherhood is not to be overlooked; yet the pleasure it affords is not found otherwise.

God has endowed man with the desire to live a purposeful life by sharing with others and being depended on. This desire is satisfied most abundantly in the father-child relationship. There is no greater reason for living than the realization of the utter dependency of the child on his father. As surely as God planted any degree of desire in the soul of man for fatherhood, He more abundantly has placed in the soul of the child dependency, respect, and honor toward his father. Such is one of the refreshing springs of pleasure that can be found only in the heart of a father.

Many more are the delights of fatherhood. To love is to live; and to be void of love is nothing short of living death. The problem that is ever before us is that of finding one who will receive our love, devotion, and loyalty. To find such a one is truly to find a soul-mate. Perhaps this is one of our heavenly Father's preeminent reasons for fatherhood, for where can be equalled the ability of a child to accept the bestowal of another's love.

This spring of joy does not here cease, but flows into an ever-increasing river of pleasures. For again, where can be found the innocent love, simple trust, and royal devotion that a child lavishes upon its parents to their pure delight? At the close of day, for my children to gather around and contest with each other the right to sit upon my knees, expressing their love with dancing eyes, is a joy akin to heaven. To be loved is a reason for being. Fatherhood was the most stressed object the Master used to portray Jehovah-God to mankind. Do you not agree that one of the greatest reasons for the existence of man is the heart-hunger of God to have a mortal upon which to lavish His love? For God is Love, Who so loved the world that He gave. . . . But if it is possible for our Father which is in heaven to have a problem, it is that of finding those who will receive His love. And methinks, that surely Christ had in mind the ability of a child to love and accept love when He declared: "Except ye become as a little

child, ye shall in nowise enter the kingdom of heaven."

One of our heavenly Father's characteristics is the ability to be, time without end. To say the least, this desire is securely rooted within us. We grasp every means available to prolong life. But the sentence surely remains, it is appointed unto man once to die. Howbeit, even as a young father, I find a growing pleasure in the projection of my hopes, ambitions, and very life into the future through my children. Of the two boys that play in my front yard, and the baby girl who, all too often dissatisfied, cries aloud in her stroller, I see myself twenty, forty, sixty years hence, achieving the success for which I have striven and hoped, for long after I have met my sentence of death, they will bear the likeness and spirit of their father. It is a frequent joy for someone to state that either of my children look like me and will someday be a preacher.

In conclusion of the pleasures of fatherhood, it seems to me that here is a common law: the pleasures that one comes to know in fatherhood will not exceed the pleasures that your child finds in his growing realization that you are his father! Blessed is the man that is worthy of the honor of being a father.

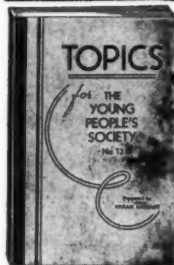
The responsibility of being a father is almost too great to accept, for I am of the opinion that the future success of a child depends largely on the father. Therefore, a father cannot escape a large share of this responsibility. The child that has been so fortunate as having been directed to the right attitude toward life, and its multiple relations has obtained treasures that cannot be measured by material wealth, especially so when



Rev. John L. Meares married Mary Lee Bell, daughter of Lee Bell, foreman of the Printing Department of the Church of God Publishing House, in September, 1945. God has blessed them with 3 children, Virgil, 4 years; Donald, 2½ years; Cynthia Marie, 6 months old. Brother Meares graduated from the Church of God Bible Training School at Sevierville, Tenn., in 1944, and from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) in 1947. While attending the University of Tennessee, he pastored at John Sevier, Tenn. He has served in evangelistic work in Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, and Alabama, also as state youth director of Michigan. On Aug. 9, 1947, he organized a church in Athens, Tenn., with 21 members. Now the church has a membership of 78, an average Sunday School attendance of 110, a \$20,000 church building, fully furnished, and a \$10,000 parsonage. Brother Meares is demonstrating an unselfish devotion to God and His church in that he is resigning the work to go to Memphis, Tenn., to establish a new church in that great city. I am sure he will have our prayers for great success.

the father has trained the child in the higher and more noble duties toward God our Father, and to hold dear a living faith in God that will touch every phase of his life, materially, physically, and spiritually.

God, our Father, has granted to us the pleasures and the responsibilities of fatherhood. It is a ringing challenge and a grave trust. We must not come one whit short of our best to train up our children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.



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# The Father and the Home

Rev. Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer



Rev. Houston R. Morehead was born in Russellville, Ky. At the age of twenty he was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and when he was twenty-one he began preaching. After completing his elementary and high-school work, he attended Detroit Business Institute, Detroit, Mich., and Bible Training School, Cleveland, Tenn. In addition to his ministerial work, he has been a salesman for wholesale and retail companies, manager of stores and markets, and a foreman in the automotive industry. He received evangelist license August 2, 1929, and became an ordained minister August 14, 1933. He married Mabel E. Day, of Eldorado, Ill., in 1931, and is the father of five children: Richard Lee, seventeen; H. Daniel, fifteen; Janice Lynn, twelve; Philip Hughes, ten; and Larry Wayne, eight. The high points of his ministerial work were evangelistic and home missionary work in completely new fields: pastoral work at Jackson, Mich., Harrisburg, and Christopher, Ill., Knoxville (Eighth Avenue) and East Chattanooga, Tenn., Birmingham (Pratt City), Ala., and South Greenville, S. C. Also, he has been state overseer of Missouri, Michigan, and South Carolina, a member of the Supreme Council, of the Board of Education, Orphanage Board, and Constitutional Committee for the Church of God National Y.P.E., and is now General Secretary and Treasurer.

**Ephesians 6:1-4:** "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

We have Father's Day, it is true; yet, how many know the exact date? However, a holiday with all its grandeur and parade could never compensate for the lost authority of American fatherhood, nor make amends for the frequent eclipse of the American father, who constitutes the center of our present social order. It should not be overlooked that, according to God's social standards, father (not mother alone) is commanded of the Lord to bring up his children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." His place in the home is of prominent importance. A home without father is an incomplete home.

Frequently, no doubt, you have heard the lamentations: "I was deprived of the joy and fellowship of a loving father." "I was brought up from childhood an orphan; when I needed fatherly advice and instruction most, I was deprived of it." "I have ever felt the yearning in my heart for the love and protection of a father." Pathetic as are these orphaned children, yet, greater is the misfortune of the child who has a father whom he knows, sees, and hears, but

is deprived of affection, fellowship, and kind consideration from him. They haven't experienced the feeling of security from a father who provides the necessities of life; have never felt the strong arm of a protecting father about their shoulders, nor heard his strong voice in prayer, asking God to bless their home and family. Father's earnings are wasted in his effort to satisfy an unquenchable thirst, which has long ago destroyed his principles of manhood. Sin is to blame for it all, and of all the evils which have cursed homes and children, liquor has no equal. The history of strong drink is the history of ruin, of tears, of blood. It has supplied the electric chair with many of its miserable victims. It has sent beggars into every street in every town and city. It has, perhaps, done more to bring earth and hell together than any other one form of vice; yet, there are fathers who persist in keeping beers, wines, and liquors in the home, oft-times drinking to excess in the presence of the family.

Some number of years ago, while conducting a revival campaign in the courthouse of one of our Midwestern towns, I was the guest in the lovely home of the jailer. Occasionally, I would occupy the porch near the section of the building which made up the jail—quite a large prison and usually occupied by a number of prisoners. I was much impressed, one afternoon, when the black car pulled up near the prison door and two strong officers, with a great effort, began the removal of a man who appeared to be helpless, too limp to stand alone. He was physically dragged and carried within the prison and deposited behind the iron bars of his prison cell, where he slumped to the floor in a kind of stupor. Following close in the wake of all this was a handsome little boy, possibly eight or ten years of age. Having pressed his way as far as he was allowed, he waited outside the door, with quite a show of anxiety. The officers, having completed their distasteful task, closed the iron door, hastily turning the key, and brushed by the child without notice, in their retreat. Yet, the child tarried, trying to peer beyond the iron bars of the door into the prison. The kind, motherly hearted wife of the jailer approached the child, inquiring as to what he was seeking. Bringing his tender, youthful gaze to bear full upon her face, he said, "Lady, could I go inside and stay with my daddy?" With a hasty movement of her head

she said, "Oh, no! You could not go in there. You see (thoughtfully she refrained from using the term "prison") there is no bed for you inside." "Oh, but," he replied with a sudden surge of emotion, his eyes brimming with tears, "you see, lady, I could sleep on the floor. I would not mind." With a firm, but kindly voice, the answer was, "No, no; you must not go inside." In a final, despairing appeal he looked up, with tearstained cheeks, and said, "Lady, would you mind if I stay here, near the door? I would like to wait. I could sleep on the ground." With a throb in her heart and a motherly hand placed on his shoulder, she insisted that he must go, that there was no place for him within, and he must not remain outside. Slowly and reluctantly he turned away from the place which imprisoned the one he loved with all the fervor of his childish passion. His slow steps and two chubby fists pressing intermittently into his eyes, rubbing the tears away, told the story of a breaking heart within. How could a father betray the love and devotion of such an affectionate child? Such love and childish trust deserves the finest and best that a good father can give and should give. The steps of the child may not always recede. They may turn again and enter in as a grown young man, behind these prison bars to tarry, to wait in the death row and linger long enough at the chair to pay the supreme penalty for sins which his father never discouraged, neither by precept nor example.

Father cannot lightly cast aside his parental duty and obligation. If the father drinks, the children are apt to drink. If father uses profanity, he should not be surprised to hear the children using profanity. A home filled with quarrelling and contention will cause the children to be irritable, quarrelsome and nervous. The effects of the influence of father or mother, for either good or bad, can hardly be overemphasized. The moral and spiritual training of the child is not unilateral but definitely bilateral. It is a false philosophy for the father to accept as his standard for the home, "I earn the money with which to buy the food and clothing and supply a shelter for the family. I care for the interests outside the home. The mother must carry the responsibilities within the home." God has placed an equal responsibility upon both father and mother; therefore, the father must share in the education and spiritual and moral training of the child.



During the early years of a boy's life, he is apt to cling a little closer to mother; but as he matures to a certain age, he will very likely feel that his father knows better how to advise him on certain matters than does mother, and they are likely to follow the example of the father; therefore, the father should be certain he does not only advise but exemplifies, as well. The most excellent counsel will be of small effect upon the child, if the counselor is in continuous violation of the standards which he proposes for the child. Religiously inclined fathers are usually very familiar with the Scripture which admonishes, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes," Proverbs 13:24. This Scripture is of great value when properly balanced with "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged," Colossians 3:21. When these Scriptures are properly understood and accepted as a principle, it will pay a rich dividend in the full fruition of the child, in his return of love, respect and honor to the father. It is true, the process seems slow; in fact, there are

times when the father is made to inquire of himself, "Am I succeeding?" The answer is found some time in after years, when the son, perhaps, is many thousands of miles away from father, mother, and home.

An accomplished young aviator says, "While flying a mission over enemy territory, in the Pacific theatre of combat, we very suddenly met the enemy, under the most unfavorable circumstances. The odds were heavily against us. We were hit—our plane plunged earthward, and I was unable to get my controls to respond. The tension of the moment, the rapidity of one's thought is terrific. Suddenly, I thought of home—my Christian father who knew how to pray—and I remembered his advice just before I parted from him, 'Son, if you ever get into trouble and can't find a way out, call on God.' Instantly I cried, 'God, help me this once, and I shall always be grateful.' Immediately my controls responded, and we pulled out of that death plunge. Well, I am still calling on Him."

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," Galatians 6:9.

## TESTIMONIES

**ANNVILLE, Pa.**—On July 21, 1950, I sat down on the cement walk and broke my back, compressing the vertebrae at the waistline. I suffered overnight and then went to the hospital and had six X-rays taken. I had a cast on most of my torso. My friends were amazed at how comfortably I could rest. People told my husband that I would never walk, that I would always be an invalid (as I am sixty-four years old). I was in the hospital one week, and when I came home no one needed to lift me. I could walk around and wait on myself. I wore the cast two and one-half weeks and the brace two and one-half weeks. I have not seen the doctor since he took the cast off. I can bend, stoop, and twist, and my back never hurts. Jesus was the answer to everything. Before our pastor, Brother J. C. Jones, prayed for me, a young sister prayed and God undertook and healing started from that moment. I can never thank God enough for my wonderful recovery. Anyone who is in need of God's help and will write us, we will send you an anointed cloth and pray for you.—Mrs. Grace R. Wampler, 108 S. Manheim St., Annullville, Pa.

**AMELIA, Va.**—I praise God for His healing power. My baby had flu of the stomach. I placed the *Evangel* on her head and asked God to heal her, and she was completely healed. I give Him all the praise for it.—Mrs. Ernestine Wagner.

**BROWNFIELD, Texas**—I thank our wonderful God for His great healing power. A few days ago I had an awful pain in my side. I just called on our great Healer, and He healed my side. His great Word promises these things to His children, and it is His will to

heal us if we will only believe Him.—Mrs. L. A. Brown.

**WASHINGTON, N. C.**—I thank the Lord for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I praise God for healing my son when he had mastoid trouble.—Mrs. Verlin Woolard.

**HICO, W. Va.**—I praise the Lord for healing my eyes. The doctor told me that there was no cure for the disease that had almost gotten the best of my right eye, but Rev. G. O. Hill prayed for my eyes, and God healed me.—Mrs. Cecil Bennett.

**VICTOR, W. Va.**—I am glad I am a Christian. I am glad I have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing my wrist when Brother Glen Hill prayed for me.—Mrs. A. R. Kenny.

**FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.**—I praise the Lord for the blood that flows over my soul, also for the precious Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing my body of cancer and heart attacks. It really means something to know your soul is ready if Jesus should call. If any one would like for me to travel with you as a co-worker, please write me. I should like to travel with a couple or a middle-aged lady. Address: 113 N. P St., Fayetteville, N. C.

### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

A young lady filled with the Holy Spirit and called to the mission field desires earnest prayer that God will touch her parents and make them willing for her to take training and go as a missionary. The Lord knows who she is. Will you pray?

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Mrs. Cora Dodson Lauer, of Locust Grove, Okla., has a wonderful Sunday School record. She started the record Oct. 30, 1927, and has missed only 14 Sundays to date, April, 1951. She is a member of the Church of God. During these modern days, when children have been allowed to go to so many places on Sunday morning, and so many children are not being taught the Bible at home, we need more people who will take enough interest in our children and young people to go regularly and build a record as Sister Lauer has. Sister Lauer was raised by a Christian mother, Mrs. Matilda Mill-sap, who took her children to Sunday School every Sunday.—E. A. Dickinson, Mountain Park, Okla.

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# INTERESTING REPORTS

## ANNOUNCING VIRGINIA'S CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

TIME: June 25, 7:30 p. m.—June 30.

PLACE: Radford Recreational Auditorium—right on Highway 11.

MANAGEMENT: T. W. Godwin, state overseer, and Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer.

EVENING SPEAKER: Rev. E. M. Ellis, known throughout the Church for his consecrated dynamic ministry.

OTHER SPECIAL SPEAKERS: Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of North Carolina, and J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief, Church of God Publications.

Virginia's preachers: Last, but by no means least, are our own efficient ministers who will be gracing the pulpit and working in other phases to make the state meeting a genuine time of spiritual feasting to everyone.

INVITATION: Come one; come all—June 25-30.—T. W. Godwin.

## TODAY'S OUTSTANDING REVIVAL REPORT, FROM TREMONT AVENUE, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

120 saved, 104 sanctified, 104 baptized in the Holy Ghost, 101 united with the church, 76 baptized in water.

The Tremont Avenue Church of God in Greenville, South Carolina, is praising God for one of the greatest revivals ever conducted in this local church. Reverend A. V. Childers, evangelist, was in charge of the revival services. I am grateful for the co-operation shown by the members of this church. One hundred and ten people pledged to God, before the revival began, that they would go out of their way, put forth special effort, and sacrifice to win at least one soul during this great revival. Over one hundred people united in a special fast for the all-out evangelistic effort. Before the revival began I urged that at least 50 prayer meetings be organized throughout the city in interest of this special revival.

From the very beginning, God met with us in a special way. This was not just an ordinary revival. Some of the time we were broadcasting 2 and 3 times a day. We broadcasted a special "revival report" each afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. We did not attempt to preach, but gave a first-hand report of the results of the service the night before, and urged everyone to believe God for each night. People from every walk of life were definitely blessed, not only in the services, but in the mills, and in their homes, and many received the Holy Ghost by their



EVANGELIST A. V. CHILDERS

radios, listening to our broadcast. The convicting hand of God was so great many nights that we had altar services in various parts of the auditorium. God's blessings were so great new members were received into the church as high as 3 times a night, and we had water baptismal services as many as 3 times on one Sunday morning. We had a special baptismal service every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The crowds and interest were certainly great during these 5 weeks of revival, and Evangelist A. V. Childers has an outstanding ministry for lost souls. Among the many who received the Holy Ghost were members of the church who had been desiring their baptism for several years. This church has been stirred from the simplest to the greatest. I haven't witnessed a revival like this in many years. The Sunday School has gone past 1,000. It is impossible to describe the greatness of God's blessings in these services and the influence of this last-day revival.

God has blessed this church with an increase of 171 in membership since the Assembly. I praise the Lord for a fine church and some of the greatest people to work with that I have ever met. This entire church appreciates the ministry of Brother Childers and his all-out efforts for us in this revival. He has many friends in Greenville, and wherever he goes he will have our prayers for the success of his ministry. This revival has done something great for our church. We expect the revival spirit to continue, new members to be added to our church, and that we will be in-

strumental in organizing other churches and promoting the work of God in general. God has certainly smiled upon us in Greenville.—A. M. Phillips, Pastor.

## ARIZONA CAMP MEETING

The Arizona camp meeting and convention convened at the Chicago Avenue church in Phoenix, April 23-29.

The camp meeting speaker, the Rev. A. L. Burroughs, of Anderson, Alabama, was at his best in every service. He taught the Bible Class in the morning services and preached in the evening services. This being the fourth camp meeting we have had the privilege of having him, his ministry was just as effective as it was at previous times. This was one of the greatest meetings Arizona has ever had. In many ways it was the greatest. The spirituality was very high. From the very first night the altars were filled with people seeking the blessings of God. Some received the Holy Ghost sitting in their seats.

Our state overseer, Rev. Y. W. Kidd, did a very efficient job as director of the entire meeting. He had the full cooperation of ministers and laymen alike.

Our state L. W. W. B. president, Sister Y. W. Kidd, was in charge of the service on Friday afternoon. The ladies from the various churches were right there to help her make it one of the best services of the camp meeting. We are really proud of the fine Willing Workers we have in Arizona.

The Saturday services were under the auspices of the Youth Department. Rev. Wayne Taylor, our youth director, had a wonderful day planned for the youth. We were made to realize more than ever the value of our youth to the church.

On Sunday afternoon, each pastor had an encouraging report from his church. The spiritual side of the churches in Arizona is increasing at a rapid rate. The reports were the greatest ever given in the State. Church improvements, which consist of new churches, parsonages remodeled, and additions, more than doubled that of any year before. The mission offering to the convention (not counting 5% home missions reported monthly) was well over \$4,000, and the Orphanage offering far exceeded that of any other year.

We were very happy to have Rev. Houston R. Morehead, our General Secretary and Treasurer, with us for 2 days. His messages were inspirational to all who heard him.

There was a spirit of unity and love which made one feel proud to be affiliated with such a fine group of people. With everyone working with a spirit of love and evangelistic fervor, under the capable leadership of our



overseer, Brother Kidd, and our youth director, Brother Taylor, we are predicting next year to be far greater than this past year has been. We feel that God has blessed us greatly by sending them "out West" to work with us in His vineyard in Arizona.—K. C. Combs and H. L. Diffie, Reporters.

### DELTA MISSISSIPPI, DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Delta District Convention, which convened at the Pilgrim Rest Church of God, was officially opened by Rev. G. C. Hamby, state overseer of Mississippi, on May 4, 1951.

The Friday night service began with spiritual singing directed by Brother C. T. Ellis. The welcome address was given by Rev. B. L. Roberts. Words cannot express the wonderful blessing that fell upon us as we listened to the songs of Zion and the soul-stirring message by Rev. W. E. Roberts on "The Benefits of a Convention," and Rev. L. C. Green, as he spoke to us on "Evangelism." Brother and Sister Carter sang the closing song, "You've God to Move." The Spirit of God fell upon the congregation as they sang, and everyone rejoiced and praised God.

Saturday morning Brother C. N. Denson was in charge of the devotional. The mellow spirit which we enjoyed Friday night continued throughout the day. As Brother and Sister Carter were singing "Mansion Over the Hilltop," the Spirit of God fell upon us. Some were crying, laughing, shouting, and all were praising God. The message on "Good Church Government," delivered by Rev. Harold Williams, helped us to realize that we, as the Church of God, would have fallen long ago had it not been for our good church government. After the long-to-be-remembered message on "Cooperation," by Rev. E. Q. Richardson, lunch was served by the L. W. W. B.

The building was not large enough to accommodate the large crowd which was present for the Saturday night service. During the evening we especially enjoyed the songs by the Newton Trio, Mt. Zion Quartet, and Pilgrim Rest Quartet. Rev. B. H. Lott delivered an awakening message on "Day of Preparation," which was followed by a message delivered by Rev. Dean of Natchez, on "Then the Fire of the Lord Fell."

Sunday morning God met with us in a glorious way. As the choir sang the old songs "Amazing Grace" and "I Will Follow Jesus," there was an outpouring of God's great love. We were very happy to have with us Brother Webster, a pioneer in spreading the gospel. Despite his ill health, he was present in every service. Brother G. C. Hamby delivered the morning message on "Missions." When the time came for the offering, God moved upon the congregation. One man took off his shoes and gave them in the offering, and several gave their watches. The offering was given in a liberal

manner and exceeded greatly the expected amount. The floor offering for the morning was \$732.42. Special offerings from each church amounted to \$936.18, making a total of \$1,695.60 mission offering on the district.

We should like to say that we certainly appreciate our state and district overseers, Brothers G. C. Hamby and Jim Evans. We shall long remember this convention.—Reporters Luree Lyons and Alma Cockrell.

### TELEGRAM

Great revival. Two hundred and eighty-two in Sunday School. Fourteen received Holy Ghost first week. Nineteen new members. Pastor preaching.—P. H. Hammond, Savannah, Ga.

### LAURINBURG, N. C., HAS GREAT SOUL-AND-BODY-HEALING CAMPAIGN

A great healing-and-soul-saving campaign was conducted at Laurinburg by Rev. Ernest W. Angley. There were 232 confessed to being saved, besides a great number whom we were unable to count. A sinner man told me that the most hard-hearted sinners in Laurinburg would walk down the aisles in the mill with tears running down their cheeks. The power was so strong throughout some of the services that some received definite experiences in their seats and got up shouting. People were healed by the scores as they passed through the prayer line. A mother brought her baby up for prayer. The baby was about a years old and had been blind all of its life. After Brother Angley prayed, he offered it a piece of gum, and it reached out for the gum. A 65-year-old woman who had never heard or spoken was healed. One blind woman, after prayer, received her sight on the way home, and a 35-year-old-man had the same experience. A number of people who were carried in were healed, and Sister Lizzy Fields, one of our members, who had her eardrums removed 48 years ago, received her hearing again. A little boy came in the healing line with braces on his arms and legs. After prayer he walked across the church without them.

We received 37 new members into the church, and a large number were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Angley will be back for a tent revival beginning June 3. We are looking forward to another great revival.—E. L. Newton, Pastor.

### AN IDAHO DISTRICT CONVENTION

LEWISTON, Idaho—In looking back over the past 8 or 9 years since we came to the Northwest, we often wondered what we would be able to accomplish. Sometimes the devil made us feel that our work had been in vain; but all along the thorny way we have, once in a while, been able to see a rose among the thorns. We feel today that we have cause to praise the Lord for so many things, including the trials that have come our way. Our most recent cause for thanksgiving

is the most wonderful district convention that we were privileged to attend. God met with us in such a gracious way. There was a spirit of love and harmony among the ministers and our esteemed overseer, Rev. F. W. Goff. God has certainly been blessing Brother Goff's efforts in this tri-state territory. We appreciate having ministers and some of their flocks from other districts. They all helped to make it the most blessed meeting I have known in Lewistown. The singing, led by Jerry Goff, made one feel as if he were back in the good old land of Dixie; and those who provided for our physical needs are due a big "thank you," for they worked hard at their jobs, and I am sure everyone enjoyed the good meals they prepared and served.

The convention speakers were: Revs. Johnny Thompson, tri-state youth director; Grady Chaney, evangelist; G. S. Tapley, pastor at Albany, Ore.; and B. F. Sherbahn, pastor at Longview, Wash., who was to have brought the closing message, but just before time for the message the power fell, and the altar filled with young people. Three prayed through to the Holy Ghost, one of whom was the writer's son. We are still feeling the effects of that wonderful convention and those Holy-Ghost-anointed messages. Since the convention another has prayed through to the Holy Ghost. Five were baptized in water on the last Sunday in April by the pastor, Brother Fred Ellis. We are praying so hard that some God-called ministers who have a yearning for souls and a zeal for the Church of God will look toward this portion of the whitened harvest field—the great Pacific Northwest. We, indeed, invite such ministers to "come over and help us."—Mrs. E. E. Coleman.

### GOOD NEWS FROM WEST NASHVILLE, TENN.

W. NASHVILLE, Tenn.—We should like to report the good news of our church here. Our Willing Workers' Band has been organized only six weeks, and in that period we have raised \$239.50, with still more to come in. We are so very proud of our pastor, Brother Ellington, who is working day and night after school to see our new church completed, and with the help of the Lord it will be finished very soon. We request your prayers for West Nashville.—Sister Archie Lackey.

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# Walking With God

By R. E. Conner—Pastor at Asheville, N. C.

"Enoch walked with God," Genesis 5:22. We read of walking before, after and with God. In the first we have the thought of perfection, in the second, obedience, but in the third, friendship and fellowship. God wants us to walk with Him.

There are conditions we must meet before we can walk with God. First, we must be acquainted with Him. "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee," Job 22:21. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. The yoke suggests two united (Matthew 11:28-30), "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

How are we to walk? By faith, in the light, in the newness of life, in the spirit, in love, circumspectly and worthily. To walk with God implies fellowship, service, prestige, assurance of safety and it gets you somewhere. Walking with God implies progress in Holy Living.

## THE BIBLE HOUSE

A few years back I approached God's house and I walked through the Garden of Eden. Christ opened the door; God was the Architect and the Builder; the Holy Ghost was the guide through this Bible House which contained sixty-six large rooms (books) and 31,173 stones (verses).

In the entrance hall called Genesis hung portraits of Adam, Noah, Abraham and Enoch. At a turn to the right was the law room, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy which gave me instructions how to live.

Next was the library with 1st and 2nd Kings, 1st and 2nd Chronicles, Books of Biography and History of great men as examples for us to profit by their mistakes and study their good.

In the sick room of Job I learned patience and long suffering and how to overcome trials of Satan.

As I passed through the music gallery of Psalms the Spirit seemed to sweep the keyboards of nature until it seemed every reed on God's great

pipe organ in heaven responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweetest singer of Israel.

I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes where the preacher's voice rang out that great sermon with "Everything Under the Sun" as his text.

The business room of Proverbs had never to be forgotten mottos on the wall, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are His delight"; "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city"; "The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh forwardness"; "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

I went upstairs to the lofty rooms of the prophets. There you dig down into the chests and find treasures untold and there, too, is the telescope with



On April 22, 1939, Rev. R. E. Conner married Grace Curd, of Marion, N. C. He is the proud father of 3 children, Betty, 11, Blanche 8, and Benny, 5 years old. His first Christian work was with the young people where he was a member, Rutherfordton, N. C. He has pastored the following churches, all in North Carolina: Old Fort, to double the membership and purchase a new location; Black Mountain, to have great increase in membership and remodel the church; Albemarle, where the membership grew from 18 to 118, a new church and parsonage built; Oakboro, to organize a new church and build a new stone church; then at Henderson, to be blessed with a great increase in membership, construction of a new \$40,000 church and ten-room parsonage and it completely furnished; now at Asheville, where the membership has doubled. He conducts a 30-minute radio program daily over 2 stations, reaching more than 11 states; publishes a monthly parish paper, "Good News," that has a circulation of more than 3,000; has built and furnished a new 10-room brick parsonage, and now has plans for a new church well under way. He has also purchased a huge gospel tent for evangelistic and healing campaigns. All of this, as he would have me say, is factual because he and his good people at each of the churches he has pastored were laborers together with God. Brother Conner deserves a good Father's Day.

which to look out into space and see the things that are to come. There we see the signs pointing to the bright and morning Star which is to rise above the moon-lit hills of Judea for our salvation.

To the room of beauty which belongs to Ruth and has a balcony on which we can stand to have a pleasant view of love. The Songs of Solomon's bridal suite with the sweet smell of myrrh and frankincense fills the soul with reverence and joy when we see the love of Christ for His Church.

The modern part has four rooms, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and over the door simply reads "The Son's Room." Enter and learn of His birth, His acts, His suffering, His death, His glory and our salvation.

In the modern history room of Acts we see the Holy Ghost doing His work in the formation of the infant Church. The correspondence room is where Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude sat to pen their epistles.

And last I stepped into the throne room where Rev. 22:11 had written, "Blessed is he that keepeth the saying of this book," and there I saw the throne of God the Father, the angels singing and a river running from the throne. Nearby was the sea of glass and I heard millions singing, "He redeemed us! We're redeemed!" Out walked the man of Galilee and broke the seals. I felt like shouting, "All hail the power of Jesus name. Let angels prostrate fall, bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!"

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# The Advantages of a Christian Home

By REV. JOHN L. BYRD, STATE OVERSEER OF SOUTH CAROLINA

James Adams said: "America's future will be determined by the home and school. The child becomes largely what it is taught, hence we must watch what we teach it, and how we live before it." Tillman Hobson said: "Christianity begins at home. We build our characters there, and what we become in after years is largely determined by our training and home environment." Spurgeon once said: "When the home is ruled according to God's Word, angels might be asked to stay with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element." Henry Drummond said: "The family circle is the supreme conductor of Christianity." It is very unfortunate when a young married couple establishes a home without the benefits of Christianity. And unfortunate, indeed, is the boy or girl who is born and grows up in a non-Christian home, and is deprived of the advantages and benefits of a Christian environment, for it is in the home that character is molded. Here principles, either good or bad, are instilled in the tender heart. The pattern of life is established, destiny is determined, and ideals are crystallized. Thousands have been brought to Christ in early childhood through the influence of Christian homes, and have dedicated their lives to the task of a life of service and usefulness in the kingdom of God. On the other hand, because of a lack of Christian training in the homes, our juvenile courts are crowded; penal institutions are filled to overflow capacity; insanity is on the increase; many suicide victims fill premature graves; and divorce and remarriage has become a major problem of the church as well as the nation.

I recall the heaviness of my heart as I stood at the graveside on a cold, rainy day in 1940, and saw five caskets lined up side by side. A mother and her four children had come to a premature death, and the writer was charged with the responsibility of saying the last words over the remains. What could I say? Here was a deceased mother who did not know God, estranged and divorced from her husband; she had fought off conviction in a Church of God revival, and here were four children who had never had the advantages and blessings of a Christian home environment. The older son who was twenty years of age had become the victim of strong drink. He had left a roadhouse at two o'clock in the morning, had gone home, and, evidently, set fire to his bedding. The mother and four children were suffocated by the smoke. How different the story might have been if Christ had been a guest in that home.



Rev. John L. Byrd was born in Monroe County, near Aberdeen, Miss., in 1902. He was born again (converted) December, 1925. Two weeks later he was sanctified, and three weeks later he was baptized with the Holy Ghost and was received into the membership of the East Chattanooga, Tenn., Church by its pastor, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp. On July 7, 1929, he was ordained as deacon; Feb. 1, 1939, he was licensed; June 29, 1942, he was ordained. His ministerial activities are as follows: pastored in Tennessee five years, in North Carolina three years; was state overseer of Louisiana three years, of Mississippi two years and is serving as South Carolina's state overseer his first year. He is the proud father of seven children. He has a son and daughter by his first wife, Rebecca Mullins Byrd, who died August, 1925. In 1928 he married Miss Velma Lee Roberts, and to this union were born one son and four daughters, John Lloyd, twenty-two, who graduated from Louisiana State University June 2; Virginia Lorene, eighteen, a graduate of high school in Jackson, Miss., and Junior College at Lee; Mary Frances, seventeen, first year in senior high school; Jewell Elizabeth, fifteen, first year in high school; and Iris Jeanette, eight, who will always be their Christmas girl since she was born on December 25.

Again, my thoughts go back to another trying experience I had as a pastor. The church was filled to capacity and before me was a casket which held the still form of a beautiful young mother. I saw the three beautiful little daughters of the deceased clinging to their grand-

mother. They could not understand the terrible tragedy which had come to their home. The husband sat dry-eyed and with head bowed as though he too, could not fully understand just why death had come to his home. But this young couple had failed to take God into partnership with them. Sin had made its inroads into their lives—broken vows, misunderstandings, jealousies, separation, and then suicide. As I drove home that afternoon, I wondered just what the future could hold for the husband, and I thought of the possible effect of this terrible incident on the future lives of the three innocent children. What a tragic thing that innocent children are made to suffer the consequences of the wrongdoing of sinful parents.

A home may be void of expensive furnishings and decorations, but if Christ is its head, when one steps across the threshold of that home he finds mutual trust, forgiveness when misunderstandings do come, moral support and sympathetic understanding when the load is heavy and the world is unkind. There is no better place on earth to contact God, unload our burdens, fight a victorious fight, and obtain a new supply of grace than around the family altar in a Christian home. Here, regardless of what one's problems are, through the medium of earnest prayer victory may be obtained over every doubt and fear, over every evil influence that may be lurking in the shadows. Yea, here is a mighty good place to get victory over ourselves. No Christian home can afford to dispense with the family altar. Our churches and nation will only be strong as the Christian homes are strong. A Christian home is a place that the children will remember with pride, even after they have gone out to establish homes of their own. They may fail to obey the teachings and admonitions of a godly father and mother and be influenced by the glare and glitter of the world, but I am fully persuaded that they will never be able to entirely forget the love of Christian parents, prayers offered around the family altar, and the influence of such Christian environment.

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# The Abounding Grace of God

F. L. Jernigan, Pastor, Crichton Church of God, Mobile, Ala.

Romans 5:17, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."

What is grace? Grace is the "kindness and love of God our Saviour toward men." Titus 3:4. Grace is the favor, kindness, and mercy of God as manifested through His Son Jesus Christ to a lost world. Grace is the pathway to salvation. Many might try to take the pathway of works; it can only lead to emptiness. The only way to salvation is the way provided by God. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour. That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternity."

Sin is evident everywhere. Satan as the promoter of sin sees to it that every corner of the world is effected by its awful fangs. Sin is strong; yet, there is more grace in the world today than there is sin. Grace is manifested in all God's deeds. Sin is everywhere, but the grace of God is still more abundant than sin. It makes no difference how great sin might be in the life of the unregenerated man, there is enough grace of God to cover his life, words, and deeds with the kind loving favor of God. After such initial receiving of grace, there is a continual promise of more abounding grace to overcome the temptations of sin.

John 1:17, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth by Jesus Christ." The law was the Old Testament path for finding favor with God. It was through the Mosaic law that man received justification with God, yet it was a farcry from the justification which love and mercy made possible for man after the gift of His Son on Calvary. Under the law, God demanded that man live a righteous life through His own personal efforts. The law was continually associated with Moses and works. The law always blessed the good for the deeds which they did. The law demanded that all of the blessings received had to be earned.

Through Christ came the new dispensation of grace. How differently was the attitude of God under grace. God gave righteousness instead of only demanding it. Grace was associated with Christ and faith instead of Moses and works. The law blessed the good, while grace saved the bad. Instead of demanding that blessing be earned, it gave them abundantly as free gifts. Grace primarily does two very important things for mankind. Grace is the agent that permits God to impart

salvation to the sinner. Romans 3:24, "Being freely justified by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Secondly, grace is the agent that helps perfect that salvation in the life of the believer. Romans 6:14, 15, "For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law but under grace. What then, shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace, God forbid." We are living in the grace dispensation now. Titus 2:11 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." This is the age of grace. All men who hear this gospel story can be saved by grace. Titus 3:7, "That being justified by his



Brother Fred is the son of Rev. John C. Jernigan, now President of Lee College. He married Miss Stella Green, of Cleveland, Tenn., and is the proud father of Patricia Ann, 14 months old. After graduation from Junior College at Lee he attended Vanderbilt, after which he served the State of Alabama as youth director 2 years. At the 1950 Assembly, he was appointed to serve as pastor at Mobile, Ala., where he has been made happy by seeing 75 saved, 68 sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 56 added to the church. He has also led his good membership in planning and building a beautiful 7-room parsonage, valued at \$18,000, all since the Assembly. This record is a compliment to him and his membership. We trust for this young father a very pleasant Father's Day.

grace we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

When salvation is imparted to our lives, we begin to build our Christian testimony through the grace of God. 1 Cor. 3:10, "According to the grace of God which is given me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation." Who is the foundation? The next verse says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Upon this foundation we construct a richer, fuller life. That building is by the strength of the grace of God.

1 Cor. 1:4-8, "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no good

gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

All of the enrichment we receive in our Christian routine is, not through merit, but through the freely given grace of God. This enrichment comes through two human processes: in all utterance and in all knowledge. Our spoken Christian testimony is afforded by the grace of God. Every utterance spoken through our lips, or every utterance which we hear can be placed through the grace of God in the building of our Christian faith. We should speak nothing but what can be spoken by the grace of God. Many idle words are spoken which cannot be used by the grace of God for the enrichments of our lives. Let us guard such utterances more closely. One can be "enriched . . . in all knowledge" by the grace of God. All human knowledge can be used in building a more effective life for Christ.

Under this grace we, also, are "waiting (being prepared) for the coming of the Lord." We are confirmed as His children. Certainly our Christian lives are built, enriched, and strengthened by the wonderful free grace of God. Every need can be supplied through this grace. It matters not how great the need of your Christian life may be. 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for my strength is made perfect in weakness." His grace, coupled with our own efforts, made possible His unlimited benefits. There is a complete explanation of this in the words of the hymn "Amazing Grace."

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
was blind but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved,  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I  
have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.  
When we've been there ten thousand years,  
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We've no less days to sing God's praise than  
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## A MISSIONARY FAMILY'S DIARY

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Lord was well pleased with our efforts. Although the choir had not sung together for a while, they sang together well, with much spirit and enthusiasm. About the time the singing was over, the lights came on. Then we heard several of the charter members speak and tell what the Church of God in Utila had meant to them. Later, the younger members spoke, and we felt our hearts lifted as we heard the praises go up to God for the church in this place.

I brought a brief message from Nehemiah 6:2, expressing appreciation to the people who had worked with determination and courage as Nehemiah did when he said, "We are doing a good work, and we cannot come down." Though our enemies have tried every method to discourage us and stop the work, the Lord revealed His divine will in us in that we completed the work, and it now stands as a reminder to all that "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

Brother McCullough gave a financial report of the church, and many were surprised to know that our church had taken into its treasuries over \$1,500 in the past eleven months. This included all departments of the church. Perhaps that does not seem like so much to people in other places with greater resources, but to us, in this almost desolate island, it is great and good, and we give God all thanks and praise for it.

We have had three evangelists with us during that time, who were well paid according to the income of our people here. The church pays for its own Sunday school literature for a school that averages 100. We have painted the church inside and out; built a beautiful hexagon shaped mahogany pulpit, mahogany banisters, and communion rail; repaired the church shutters; built three pairs of steps; painted the rostrum floor; and in general, kept the church building in perfect condition. The pulpit is conceded to be one of the prettiest in any of the churches in the Bay Islands. It was built by one of the members of the church, who designed it and did an excellent job of construction. The L.W.W.B. has paid into the treasury over \$213 in the past ten months to help pay on a loan for the school. The Y.P.E. had a "Round the World Trip" contest which lasted four weeks and brought in over \$30. For our 6th anniversary service, the Y.P.E. had \$50 to apply on the note.

The Lord has blessed our every effort for Him. We have had to keep pushing and pressing, and at times our spirits have gone pretty low, but in prayer and faith we have gained the victory over every obstacle that confronted us. Now, in extreme gratitude we can say, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.—J. P. Webster.

## WALKING WITH GOD

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The way of salvation  
The doom of sinners  
The happiness of believers

Its precepts are binding, its histories are true, its decisions are final. Read it and be wise, believe it and be safe, practice it and be Holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter.

Read it slowly and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet to walk with God.

## KEFAUVER SELECTED . . .

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Ester, who will be 1 year old next October.

His selection as the nation's top father of 1951 was announced by the committee during a news conference at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The committee said he was chosen for the award "because his high-principled leadership of the Senate committee has dramatically aroused public consciousness and morality."

"He has made a valuable contribution to the cause of clean government and good citizenship as embodied in the tenets set up by the National Father's Day Committee," the citation added.

June 17 was designated as "Father's Day" by the committee.

Kefauver received the "Father of the Year" award at a luncheon given by the committee. The Tennessee senator was accompanied by his attractive, red-haired wife, Nancy, who described her husband as a "wonderful father."

Addressing the luncheon, Kefauver said he often wondered what kind of parents the men had who paraded before his crime committee.

"Many of these men channeled aright, would have made great contributions to society," he said, adding that in many instances "we found that they were the victims of their own heredity and environment."

In the days of the Caesars, citizens of Rome marked the flight of time with a water clock. . . . during the middle ages, monks in their lonely cells turned hourglasses to know the time of day. . . . No matter what system you use to watch it, TIME does slip by. According to prophecy, TIME cannot be long in which to work before the coming of the Lord. Let us ask ourselves the question, What am I doing to get the gospel message to those who have never heard it before?

I may sow and another may reap. But what does it matter who reaps if the harvest be great and the reaping be faithfully done?—James Mangano.

## EVANGEL AWARD WINNER

Brother Roy Estes, president of the Y.P.E. at San Pablo, Calif., was the winner of the \$10.00 award for the one securing the most subscriptions to the *Evangel* above 15. Brother Estes turned in the fine number of 37. Hurrah for Brother Estes! Honorable mention goes to two other of our brethren that had above 15. Brother Lemuell Johnson, pastor of the Temple in Fresno, Calif., was second, with 20 subscriptions, and Brother J. H. Whipple, pastor at Salinas, Calif., was third, with 17 subscriptions. Some turned in smaller amounts, and some perhaps were turned in to the Publishing House that we don't know about yet, that was too small a number to compete for the prize. May the Lord richly bless each of you who worked on this project.—H. B. Ramsey, State Overseer of California.

## WARNS CHURCH COLLEGES OF IMPENDING DANGERS

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Church-supported and other private institutions of higher learning in America are doomed unless their alumni and their friends increase their gifts, a conference of Evangelical Lutheran college and seminary faculties was warned here.

The warning came from Dr. Clemens M. Granskou, president of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., who opposes any suggestion that the colleges might look to the federal government for aid.

"The lure of federal aid is but the opening wedge to federal control," he declared.

Dr. Granskou explained how the war in Korea has created a new problem for colleges.

"Now the colleges are asked to fight on three fronts—inflation, loss of upperclassmen and loss of underclassmen," he said. "At best, most of our colleges will end the school year with a heavy loss of students and subsequent mounting deficits."

"Obviously the plight of our colleges today is no new experience. They have always been hard up . . . For this reason it is difficult to bring home to our people the acuteness of the present situation."

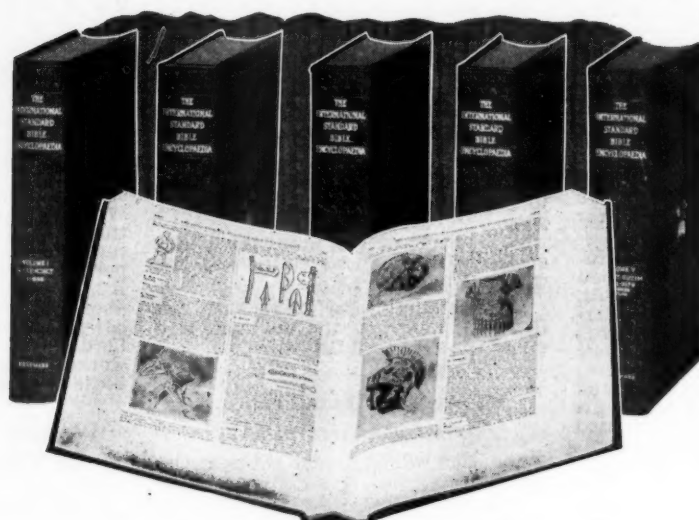
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